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1. Everyone in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) zone who is not a public servant, sick or overaged,<sup>1</sup> is expected to belong to a Dan Quan unit, a semi-military, semi-administrative organization which executes orders issued by the local Administrative Committee. New Dan Quan members are usually recruited three times a year and are sent to the district administrative center where they are examined by a regional military committee to determine their aptitudes. Those who meet certain requirements are sent to training centers to become regular troop reserves. These reserves are called Tan Binh troops. The other recruits are sent back to their own villages where they receive training daily in Dan Quan units.
2. Organization. Dan Quan units are divided into companies with the same number of effectives as regular DRV Army companies. Each village, depending on its size, may have two or three Dan Quan units, each commanded by a Village Unit Chief (Xa Doi Truong) who is appointed by the district authorities. The Village Unit Chief is assisted by a Political Commissar (Chi Dao Vien).
3. Armament. Dan Quan units are poorly armed, mainly with rifles, machine guns and grenades abandoned by regular DRV units upon receipt of equipment from the Chinese Communists. In areas of little strategic value, arms are usually limited to sidearms and locally-made grenades.
4. Activities. Dan Quan units are responsible for:
  - a. The security of their locality.
  - b. Supplying the Administrative Committee, DRV Services, and transient regular troops.

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- c. Maintaining contact with supply organizations in the Franco-Vietnamese zone for the procurement of goods.
- d. Protecting and guiding agents of Quan Bao, Tinh Bao and Dich Van units in the area and providing liaison agents for these units.
- e. Providing labor for construction and defense work.
- f. Assisting regular army units by performing construction and supply work prior to military operations and assault activities during operations; providing cover for army units during a retreat and engaging in guerrilla and penetration operations during enemy occupation.

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1.  Comment. Although the age limit has been set at 45, it actually varies according to local conditions and the number of men available in a certain area.

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